

ORDINANCE NO. 16-318

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

The public welfare requiring it, and under authority granted by Section 11-52-78 of the 1975 *Code of Alabama*, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council for the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as adopted on the 21st day of March 1963, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1. Amend ARTICLE 72 - SIGN CONTROL REGULATIONS, Section 72.4 Permitted Signs by Districts, by amending subsection 72.4, by amending subsection 72.4.2(1):

72.4.2 Research Park, Research Park Applications, Office, Residence 2-B, Neighborhood Business C-1, Planned Industrial, and Disposal Storage Districts

- (1) Real estate signs, providing the area on one side of any such sign shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet; on unimproved property the area on one side of such sign shall not exceed forty (40) square feet; and not more than one such sign shall be erected for each 250 feet of frontage or fraction thereof.
- (2) Mechanics' or artisans' signs.
- (3) Attached accessory signs, provided the total area of such signs for each establishment shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet per frontage, and all such signs shall be attached to the building.
- (4) Except in Research Park and Research Park Applications districts: On lots or tracts of land having two or more occupants, tenants, commercial or business enterprises, one business center sign is permitted, provided that the area on one side of said sign does not exceed one hundred (100) square feet for each 250 feet of frontage or fraction thereof, and further provided that where additional signs are authorized because of frontage in excess of 250 feet, such a sign shall not be closer than 150 feet to another such sign on the same property.
- (5) In Neighborhood Business C-1 zones only: Lots or tracts of land having only one occupant, tenant, commercial or business enterprise are permitted either one accessory ground sign having a maximum of thirty-five (35) square feet to the side or one accessory ground mounted (monument) sign having a maximum of

thirty-five (35) square feet to the side for each 250 feet of frontage or fraction thereof. Provided however, that where additional signs are authorized because of frontage in excess of 250 feet, such signs shall not be placed closer than one hundred (100) feet to other such signs on the same property. The accessory ground mounted (monument) sign shall have a maximum height of five (5) feet including a base of no more than one (1) foot in height. The accessory ground mounted (monument) sign must be located either fifteen (15) feet from the back of the curb, or from the edge of the pavement if there is no curb, and fifteen (15) feet from the curb of any entrance drive or accessway, or a minimum of ten (10) feet from the existing or proposed public street right-of-way, whichever distance is greater. (07-1194)

- (6) In Office and Residence 2-B zones only: Lots or tracts having only one occupant, tenant, commercial or business enterprise are permitted one accessory ground mounted (monument) sign having a maximum of thirty-five (35) square feet to the side for each 250 feet of frontage or fraction thereof. Provided however, that where additional signs are authorized because of frontage in excess of 250 feet, such signs shall not be placed closer than one hundred (100) feet to another such sign on the same property. The accessory ground mounted (monument) sign shall have a maximum height of five (5) feet including a base of no more than one (1) foot in height. The accessory ground mounted (monument) sign must be located either fifteen (15) feet from the back of the curb, or from the edge of the pavement if there is no curb, and fifteen (15) feet from the curb of any entrance drive or accessway, or a minimum of ten (10) feet from the existing or proposed public street right-of-way, whichever distance is greater. (07-1194)
- (7) Theatre signs shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet, and shall be in addition to all other signs authorized by this section.
- (8) In Research Park, Research Park Applications and Planned Industrial districts only: One detached ground identification sign not to exceed eighty (80) square feet per street frontage with a maximum height of eight (8) feet may be placed in the front yard a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from an existing or proposed street right-of-way. Two entry pylons of a

size not to exceed 144 square feet each are permitted at major entrances into the park or planned industrial district.

- (9) Subdivision and apartment identification signs.
- (10) Ingress and egress signs.
(87-177, 87-312, 06-732, 07-1194)

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- (2) In Research Park District only: Real estate signs, providing the following conditions are met:
 - (a) No more than one sign per street frontage is allowed on each tract of land.
 - (b) Signs shall be of post and panel construction. The panel portion of the sign shall be four (4) feet in height and (4) feet in length for a total of sixteen (16) square feet. The overall height of the sign shall not exceed six (6) feet. A one (1) by four (4) foot rider shall be allowed along the bottom of the sign.
 - (c) Each sign shall only display the logo, name, and contact information of the leasing agency. Sign posts shall be made of PVC or equal material and shall be white in color.
 - (d) Signs must be placed perpendicular to an existing public road, either within or outside the public street right-of-way and must be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the curb of said public road.
 - (e) When applicable, it is required to use the facility ground sign in place of an additional real estate sign.

- (f) Temporary banners on buildings are not permitted.
 - (g) All signs must be maintained and kept in a neat and attractive condition.
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Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its publication.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2016.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama